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YOUR FARM CAN HELP

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

"Food will win the war and write the peace!"

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Food to feed our people properly. Food for the democracies fighting freedom's battle. Food for Europe's starving millions when the war is over.

Not just any kind of food but the concentrated, highly nutritious foods that ship easily, store easily.

Not ordinary amounts of food but huge quantities. Far more of certain kinds than we have ever produced.

Not only food but all other farm products needed for defense—lumber, turpentine, and certain oils for commercial use—these, too, are needed from America's farms and forests to help free men win their struggles to stay free.

The American farmer is called upon to engage in the most stupendous farm production in the history of the United States. It won't require more total acres than are now in cultivation. It won't require more production of many things—even less of some. But it will call for a great deal more milk. It will call for more eggs, pork, certain fats and oils, tomatoes, and some other vegetables, cover crops, lumber, turpentine, sugar.

EMERGENCY DEMANDS PRODUCTION

But this is no time to overproduce things of which America already has enough or more than enough, like wheat, cotton, and most kinds of tobacco. That would be national waste and bad defense.

The emergency demands carefully planned production. It demands that American farms put their full productive strength where it is most needed.

For the time is here when every citizen either makes it his business to defend the liberty America has given him, or we lose that liberty.

"Farming as usual" is gone. The Nation calls on every farmer to use his land and all his skill for the defense of America. That means unusual farming, unusually good farming.

To get the job done quickly, efficiently, and without waste, the Department of Agriculture is helping farmers organize a vast Farm Defense Program. Others can help but farmers must do the job. If every farmer does his part, that program will give America what it needs from farms, in the amounts needed and at the times needed.

Production goals have been set to guide farmers in this effort. The needed amounts of all the chief products have been determined. The acreages necessary to get the amounts have been estimated. These national goals have been broken down into State and county goals. The county and State goals have been checked and often revised by local farmers and agricultural officials to make them fit local conditions.

MOBILIZING FARM STRENGTH

The county goals will be divided among the farmers of the county. Every farmer will be visited and asked to make a 1942 plan that will contribute to meeting the goals. It will all be voluntary.

When the plans are added up, the Nation will have for the first time in history a complete picture of anticipated farm production for the ensuing year. The full mobilized strength of America's farms will be represented in those plans. The plans, and the complete production program they stand for, will be the first instance that any great industry has planned to meet and fill the real needs of the people.

The Nation will protect farmers in this effort. Already the national farm programs afford broad price and income support for farm families. In addition, the prices of products for which increases are especially requested by proclamation of the Secretary of Agriculture—evaporated milk, dried skim milk, cheese, eggs, hogs, and chickens—will be supported to the full extent of funds available at levels not less than 85 percent of parity until at least December 31, 1942.

All agricultural agencies are ready to help farmers in this gigantic production program. The full strength of United States Department of Agriculture agencies will be available to farmers through State and county USDA Defense Boards.

ADD A CAN OF MILK



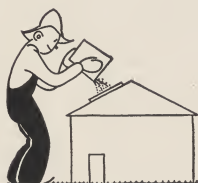
Each can = 14 bil. lbs. annually

NEEDED...



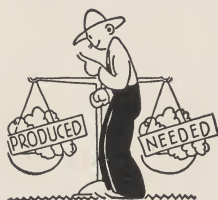
MORE

MILK, eggs, hogs, chickens, lamb and mutton, vegetables, sugar, larger slaughter of beef, turpentine, peanuts [for oil], soybeans [for beans], farm gardens.



LESS

wheat, cotton, tobacco.



SAME

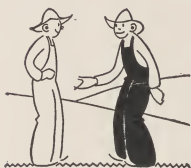
corn,
flaxseed,
rye, rice,

dry beans,
hay,
feed grains.



What to do

1. Check your farm to see what products can be increased, maintained, or reduced in line with national needs.
2. Begin now to lay in supplies of seed, fertilizers, etc., you will need to carry out your 1942 production plans.
3. Be ready to tell the community committeeman of your 1942 plans when he calls.
4. Begin now to carry out the plans you make for 1942.



Who to see

For information in planning your participation in the 1942 Farm Defense Program see any member of your county United States Department of Agriculture Defense Board, which is composed of the chief representative in your county of the following:

- County Agricultural Conservation Association (AAA).
- Agricultural Extension Service (County Agent).
- Farm Security Administration (County Supervisor).
- Soil Conservation Service
- Farm Credit Administration (National Farm Loan Association or the Production Credit Association).
- Surplus Marketing Administration.
- Agricultural Marketing Service.
- Bureau of Agricultural Economics.
- Forest Service

